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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF G.K. REDDY ARTICLE TITLED:

"ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW ENVOY TO FUNCTION IN U.S. "DATELINED OCT 6
APPEARINGIN OCTOBER 7 HINDU.

QUOTE.

THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO TTE UNITED STATES,
MR.KEWAL SINGH, WHOLEFT DELHI ON MONDAY, WILL BE REACHING
WASHINGTON TOMORROW AFTER SPENDING A DAY EACH IN PARIS AND
LONDON.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED FOR HIM TO CALL ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, MR.CHARLES ROBINSON, THE VERY NEXT DAY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL TO PRESENT A COPY OF HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE.

THIS WILL ENTITLE MR. KEWAL SINGH TO START FUNCTIONING AS AMBASSADOR FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FORMALITY OF ACTUAL PRESENTATION OF THE LETTER OF RECALL OF HIS PREDECESSOR AND HIS OWN CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT IN DUE COURSE. THE WHITE HOUSE TAKES ABOUT A MONTH TO ARRANGE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY A NEW ENVOY EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS NOT ENGAGED IN AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

DURING THIS TWILIGHT PERIOD, AN AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE CAN MAKE CALLS ON OFFICIALS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES OF THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM, BUT HE IS EXPECTED TO AVOID ATTENDING FUNCTIONS AT WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS PRESENT. THE IDEA IS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIRST RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE CREDENTIALS OF A NEW ENVOY BEFORE TAKING OFFICIAL NOTICE OF HIM EVEN AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

ENVOY TO ACCOMPANY CHAVAN ON TOUR

AFTER CALLING ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ON FRIDAY AND HANDING HIM OVER A COPY OF HIS LETTER OF APPOINTMENT, MR. KEWAL SINGH WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER, MR.Y.B. CHAVAN, NEXT WEEK ON HIS VISITS TO HOUSTON, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES TO ADDRESS THE LOCAL INDIAN COMMUNITIES AND ALSO SPEAK TO SELECT AMERICAN GROUPS ON INDO-U.S. RELATIONS. HE CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AT SUCH GATHERINGS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

NO MATTER WHO WINS THIS KEENLY CONTESTED, AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT IS GOING TO CAUSE SOME CONCERN TO INDIA WILL BE THE REPORTED U.S. MOVE TO RENEGOTIATE ITS NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO FURTHER TIGHTENING UP THE SAFEGUARDS AND IMPOSING STRICTER CONTROL ON THE SUPPLY OF

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EQUIPMENT, FUEL OR TECHNOLOGY EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN THE PAST THE MAJOR IRRITANT IN INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS USED TO BE THE U.S. ARMS SUPPLIES TO PAKISTAN, BUT HEREAFTER THE NUCLEAR ISSUE IS LIKELY TO BECOME A MAIN ISSUE OF CONTENTION.

IT WILL BE A CHALLENGING TASK FOR MR. KEWAL SINGH TO TRY TO REMOVE THE PREVAILING MISCONCEPTIONS BOTH IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCHES AND AMONG THE CONCERNED CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS ABOUT

INDIA'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT WILL HAVE
TO BE TACKLED IN ITS PARTICULAR SPHERE WITHOUT ALLOWING IT
TO IMPINGE ON OTHER ISSUES LIKE AID, TRADE AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES. THOUGH THERE CAN BE NO TANGIBLE MOVES FROM EITHER
SIDE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS UNTIL THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
HAS ASSUMED OFFICE, THE GROUND WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY
PREPARED FROM NOW ONWARDS FOR GENERATING THE NECESSARY
PSYCHOLOGY OF MUTUAL TRUST IN EACH OTHER'S BASIC PURPOSES.
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